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Dear Commissioner Davenport, Delegate LaRock, and Senator Vogel,

My name is Joseph Bloom. I am a resident of Frederick County, Virginia and a constituent of House of Delegates District 33 and State Senate District 27.

I am writing to voice my strong objection to provisions of the [*Proposed Amendments to the Final Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220*](#) which establish differential standards of workplace treatment for employees who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and those who are not.

These requirements, while presumably intended to provide a greater level of protection from exposure to unvaccinated individuals, impose a de facto requirement upon these individuals to divulge private health information. This is a patent erosion of an individual's right to privacy and the right of patients to accept or decline medical intervention freely and without inducement or coercion. The establishment of standards that in spirit and in practice serve to segregate employees based on vaccination status obliterates the crucial right of Virginians to choose when, to whom, and to what extent they share personal health information. My view is that these provisions in the proposed *Standard* are a travesty against the commitment to individual liberties that is paramount to Virginia values, and will be injurious to the social cohesion and civic harmony of our communities if adopted.

Sincerely,
Joseph Bloom